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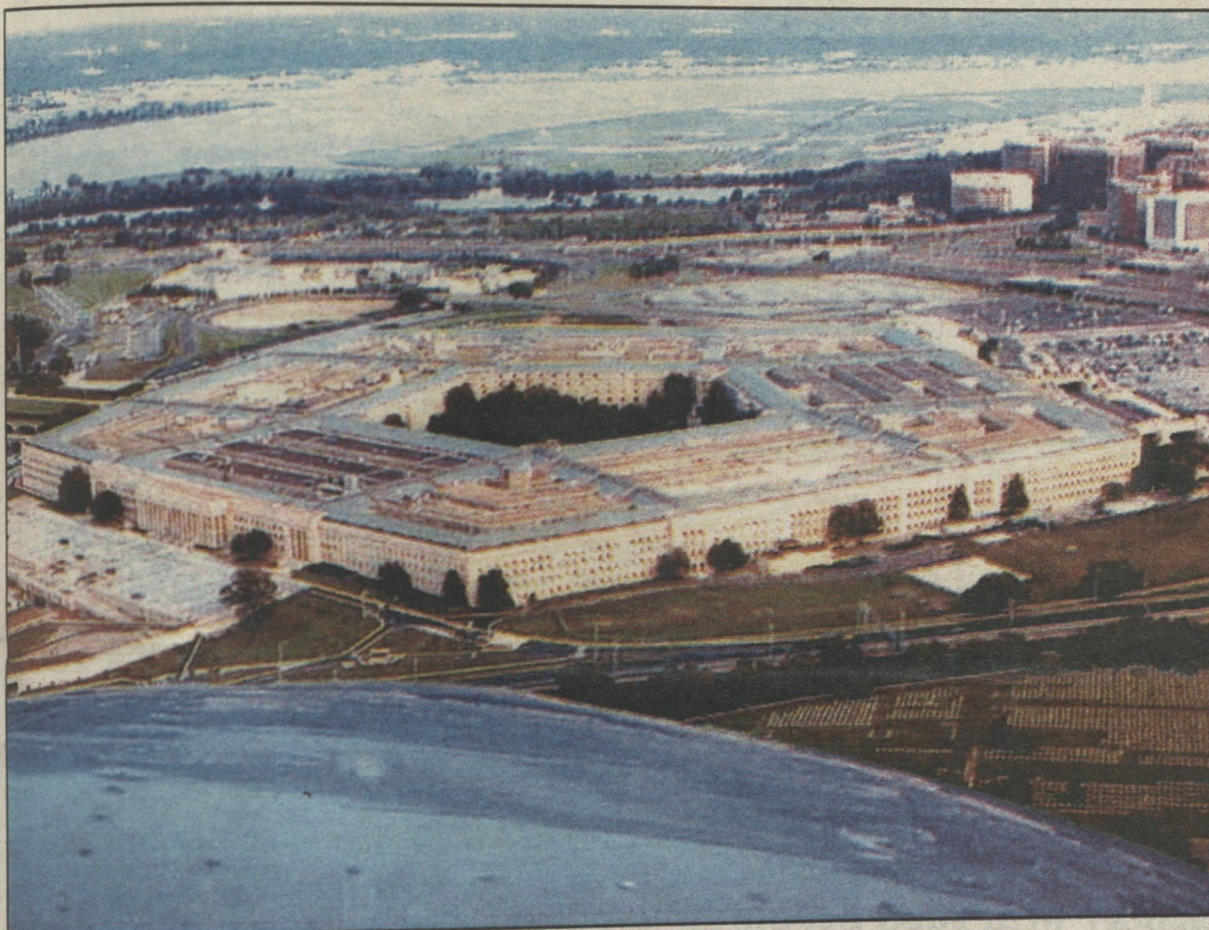
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The Pentagon: A Challenge Faced

chris lancia
Sports Editor



The Pentagon before 9/11

(photos courtesy of the Department of Defense)

The Pentagon, located in Washington, D.C., is not just an office building. It is an institution; the heart of the American military. Another symbol attacked by the terrorist group Al Qaeda in an attempt to wage a war they can never win.

The Pentagon is just what the term is defined as: a structure with five sides and angles. What became one of the most innovative office building designs in the world started as a necessary design to fit the land allocated for the building.

In 1941 Army Brigadier General Brehon Somervell was charged with creating an office building to house the War Depart-

ment. His task was to create a structure large enough to hold the entire Department, thereby enabling a staff which had become fragmented between 17 different buildings to finally work as a team.

The original land proposed for the project was less than 3 miles away from where the Pentagon was built. But as the structure was designed, the engineers realized that more space would be needed, prompting a change in the planned location. They finally settled on a plot next to the Potomac River, but one which was comprised of wasteland, swamp, and trash dumps.

The initial groundbreaking took

place on 11 September, 1941. The timetable set for the project was ambitious, and the attempts to meet it came with a price. The construction was the most deadly ever taken on by the Army, and resulted in 8 deaths and numerous injuries. But the timetable was met, and just 16 months later the construction was complete.

The Pentagon itself is enormous. The building alone covers 29 acres, with another 67 acres set aside for parking. That amount of parking space will hold approximately 8,770 vehicles. The rest of the dimensions are just as breathtaking:

Center Court:	5 acres
Each section of the outer wall:	921 ft.
Outer wall height:	77 ft. 3.5 in.
Length of corridors:	17.5 miles
Floors:	5
Stairways:	131
Escalators:	19
Elevators:	13
Rest Rooms:	284
Drinking Fountains:	691
Windows:	7754
Employees (military & civilian):	23,000
Amount of telephone wire:	100,000 mi.



Aerial footage of pentagon prior to attacks.

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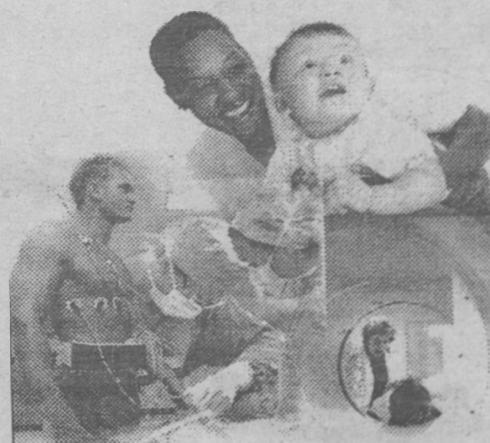
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Campus Insider

News & Events Around Armstrong

AASU Students Win GDITT Writing Competition

michelle gordon
Public Relations Contributor

The Georgia Department of Industry, Trade, and Tourism (GDITT) has announced the winners of its annual writing competition for undergraduate and graduate students from the colleges and universities in Georgia. This year Armstrong Atlantic State University undergraduate students Alisha Duckworth and Khaliah Mlika Ross received cash prizes for their award-winning papers. Duckworth won \$300 for the Best Undergradu-

ate Paper; Ross received \$100 for the Second Prize Best Undergraduate Paper.

The purpose of the competition is to gather research and information regarding the economic conditions in industries and countries that are prospects of GDITT. Each paper examines the conditions in one industry segment within one country.

GDITT carries out its economic development mission by encouraging new business investment and supporting expansion of established industries. It also locates new markets for Georgia products, invites tourism, develops a statewide strategic plan for economic development, and promotes the state as a location for film and videotape production.

Mizak Named Director of Institutional Research

Patrick Mizak has been named director of institutional research at Armstrong Atlantic State University. In his new position, Mizak will develop analytical studies and provide timely and accurate institutional data to support the university in the areas of assessment, strategic planning, and decision-making.

Mizak has taught economics courses at both Armstrong Atlantic State and Savannah State universities and has conducted research for AASU's Center for Regional Analysis and for King and Spaulding law firm in Atlanta. Mizak received a Master of Arts in Economics from Cleveland State University and a Master of Science in International Affairs from Georgia Institute of Technology's Sam Nunn School of International Relations.

AASU Graduate

Nursing Students Attend Internship in Washington

michelle gordon
Public Relations Contributor

Six graduate nursing students from Armstrong Atlantic State University recently participated in the four-day Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI). Betty Butler, Amber Derksen, Melanie Howard, Julie Kim, Charlene Moon, and Sherri Warnock, registered nurses working in various healthcare facilities in the area, were among 300 nurse leaders from around the country who participated in the NIWI.

"These students had the chance to visit Washington and to meet great congressional supporters of nursing", said Helen Taggart, assistant professor of Nursing at AASU.

The program participants spent a day on Capitol Hill visiting senators and congressional representatives, such as Representative Jack Kingston and legislative assistants for Senators Max Cleland and Zell Miller. The participants had the opportunity to lobby the political leaders on current issues related to nursing.

The NIWI offers education about the federal legislative process, the political and economic forces driving healthcare policy and delivery, and how to become influential in the legislative process as an individual and as a member of a special interest group. NIWI award winners learn necessary political skills that translate equality to the federal and state levels of government.

AASU Receives Approval for \$23 Million Academic Building

michelle gordon
Public Relations Contributor

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia today approved its annually revised five-year Major Capital Outlay Priority List that includes a \$23 million building project for Armstrong Atlantic State University. The Academic Classroom Building will house the School of Computing and new Information Management and Teaching and Learning centers.

"When complete the facility will realize the vision set forth by the university's strategic plan," said Thomas Z. Jones, president of AASU. "This project will provide much needed classroom space and the integration of innovative technologies for the campus."

The 121,000 square-foot building will be designed to provide classrooms, lecture halls, computer labs, offices, and other support functions to serve students. It will contain twenty-six general purpose classrooms and three lecture halls. The facility is to be located on the west side of Lane Library and will furnish complementary services to those provided by the library.

The building will house the School of Computing formed this year in response to the tremendous growth and development of this department. The building will consolidate

the school into a single location with adequate space and will provide the quality of architecture that meets the advanced requirements for technology instruction.

The Information Management Center will support the library as well as the entire campus with state of the art technology. This center will provide much needed access to the technology rich components of the library that will enhance instructional effectiveness and student learning. This component will provide multi-media workstations and group study areas.

The Teaching and Learning Center will respond to AASU's core teaching mission to provide faculty with ready access to resources that will facilitate professional development and improve the quality of instruction. This area will include a resource center, a new technology enhanced forty seat classroom, and a twenty seat conference room.

"The Board of Regents recognizes our critical need for additional classroom space," said Jones. "With its focus on technology based instruction, this building will be a hub for advanced learning on campus."

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John Birge, director of bands, South Effingham H.S., guest conductor
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Major Robert H. Robertson, Georgia Air National Guard
Master Sergeant T.J. Reese, 165th Airlift Wing

PROGRAM:

National Anthem	arr. John Philip Sousa
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine March	John Philip Sousa
<i>American Salute:</i>	
"When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again"	Morton Gould
<i>March:</i>	
National Emblem	E. E. Bagley
Variations on "America" for Band	Charles Ives
The Carnival of Venice	Arban
Whip and Spur March	Allen
Hymn to the Fallen	John Williams
I've Made My Plans For The Summer	John Philip Sousa
America, The Beautiful	Ward/Dragon
His Honor	Henry Fillmore
God Bless the U.S.A.	Lee Greenwood
Armed Forces Salute	Lowden
The Stars And Stripes Forever	John Philip Sousa

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 30: Savannah Winds, the resident wind ensemble at AASU, salutes those people who risked their lives for our nation in the 2002 version of the highly popular Annual Patriotic Concert in the AASU Fine Arts Auditorium at 3:00 P.M. This exciting concert, which this year is "celebrating the American spirit and honoring all who serve our country" features senior military personnel, military color guard, and Chatham County veteran of the year honors. Call the main office at 912.927.5325 for ticketing information.

July 11-14 & 18-20: AASU Department of Art, Music, & Theatre presents the "habit"-forming musical comedy Nonsense at 7:30 P.M. in AASU's Jenkins Theater (3:00 P.M. on Sunday). Call 912.927.5325 or 912.927.5354 for production and ticketing information.

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Saturday, April 13, 2002

(deadline to register is March 11, 2002)

September 21, 2002

(deadline to register unavailable 2/12/02)

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Strike Against the Pentagon

Hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 from Dulles International Airport crashes into the Pentagon less than an hour after the attacks against the World Trade Center in New York. Extensive casualties and an unknown number of fatalities are reported in the terrorist attack that leaves the Pentagon with extensive damage.

Timeline of attack

1 At 9:38 a.m. The hijacked Boeing 757 crashes on the helicopter landing pad adjacent to the Pentagon, on the west side of the complex. Eyewitnesses report seeing a 50- to 60-foot fireball at the point of impact, followed by plumes of smoke, which could be seen for miles.

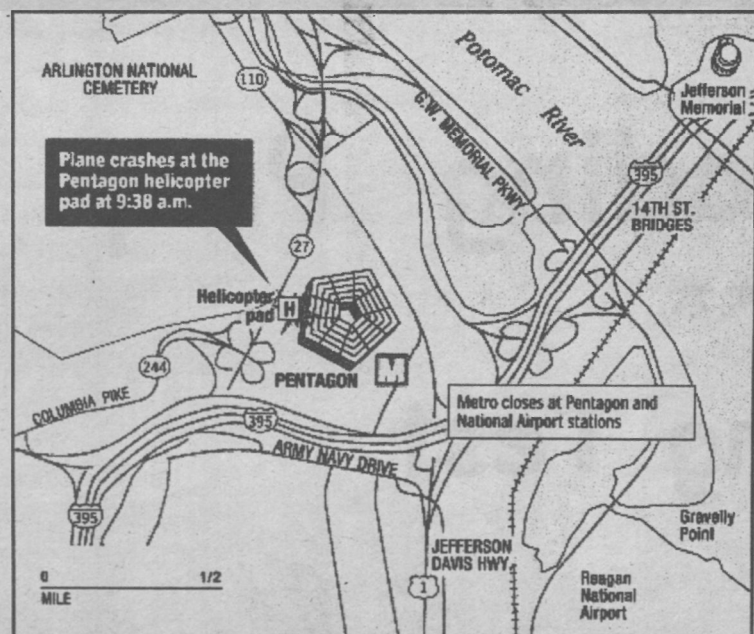
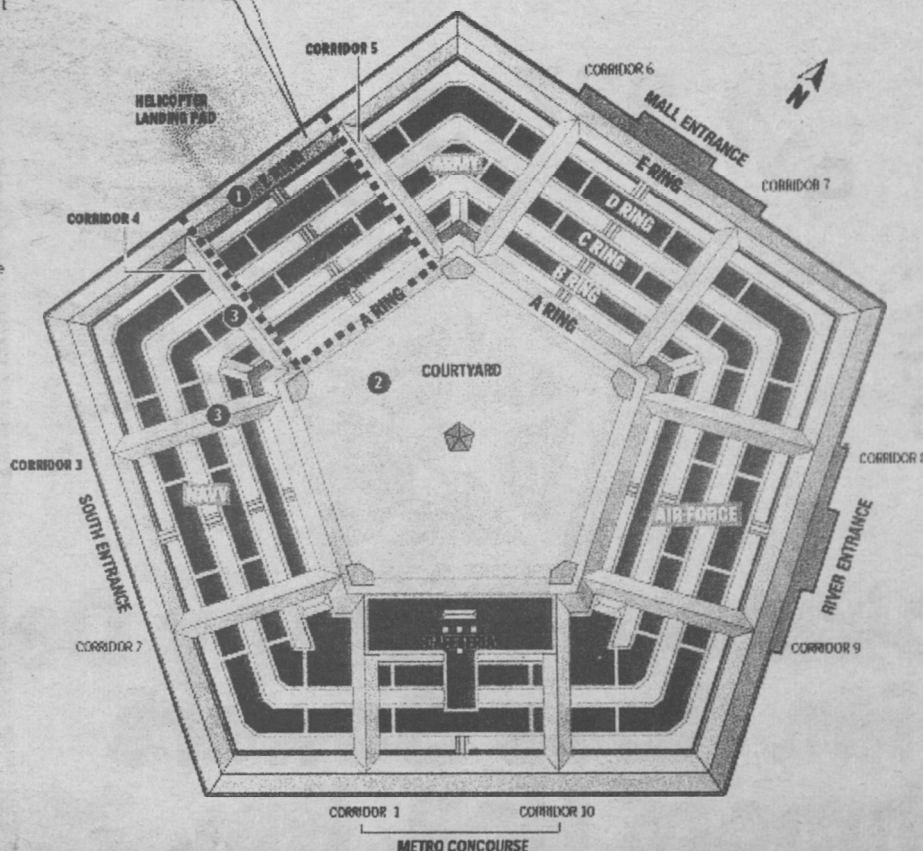
2 Immediately after the attack, wounded are carried to the inner center courtyard. Secondary explosions are reported as the building is evacuated.

3 Military and medical personnel enter the building primarily through corridors 3 and 4 to reach the injured. Twice, rescue efforts are delayed by about 10 minutes when workers, hearing false reports of an impending second attack, pull back.

SOUTH PARKING LOT
Staging area for medical personnel is established here. Rescue helicopters, ambulances and private cars are used to transport the injured to area hospitals.

Area of impact

The plane appeared to hit the Pentagon midway between corridors 4 and 5. Eyewitnesses report that the plane cut a wedge that extended past the C, D and E rings of the building into the B Ring.



THE PLANE

American Airlines Flight 77 from Dulles International Airport bound for Los Angeles.

Passengers: 58

Flight attendants: 4

Pilots: 2



THE PENTAGON

The Pentagon is the headquarters of the Department of Defense. It is one of the world's largest office buildings; the U.S. Capitol could easily fit inside any one of the five wedge-shaped sections. Approximately 24,000 employees, both military and civilian, work there.

Area covered by building:
29 acres

Area of center courtyard:
5 acres

Number of floors:
5

Total length of corridors:
17.5 miles

(timeline and diagram courtesy of the Washington Post)

Hole in the Pentagon...

From page 1

The contractors were completing the project piece by piece, in "wedges". The plane just happened to hit part of Wedge 1, which was nearing completion.

The effects of the renovation had a positive impact in that it

kept the number of lives lost at a minimum. As part of the project blast-resistant windows and steel reinforced window frames had been installed in that part of the building. These improvements protected occupants close to the impact, and helped keep the building from collapsing.

At 9:38 AM, American Airlines flight 77 slammed into the northwestern side of the Pentagon. The impact destroyed support columns throughout the section, and the aviation gas spread fire throughout the area.

Rescue teams were put

together quickly, but their efforts were hampered by additional threats as authorities tried to find out if there were any more planes in the sky.

The teams were pulled back at least 3 times, and when finally allowed to continue the search found that much of that section of the building was consumed by fire.

The 64 people on the Boeing 757 were killed upon impact. There were 125 people killed in the Pentagon, bringing the toll to 189 lives. There is speculation that some of those lives could have been saved had the rescue effort been more effective, but there is no way to be sure of that.

The rebuilding project has been dubbed "The Phoenix Project", using the mythical bird which arose from the ashes as a glorious being as inspiration. It is over halfway complete, and is progressing ahead of schedule. The motto "Let's Roll" has been taken on for the project, immortalizing the words of United Airlines Flight 93 passenger Todd Beamer.

The attack centered on the three outer rings (E, D, & C) between corridors 4 and 5. There will be a memorial in the wall made of a piece of limestone from the original facade. The limestone has the date and time of the attack etched in it along with a quote from President George W. Bush:

Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America."

This piece of limestone will not be visible from outside the building in keeping with the historical buildings regulations. But the men and women who gave their lives will forever be remembered by the members of a grateful nation.

An attack on an institution that has long been considered sacred has bothered Americans beyond measure. As the television footage of the attacks rolled on, we watched as the first of many helicopters entered the picture.

America was responding to this disaster, this tragedy, the only way she knew how: full throttle and straight ahead.

"Let's Roll": A Tribute to the American Heroes of 9/11

dan ward
Assistant Editor

In memory and honor of the heroic acts of the passengers on United Flight 93, a flag was created from the words chiseled into every American's heart, emblazoned with blue letters on a red outlined, white flag are the words: "Let's roll."

Beginning at Albany State University, the "Let's roll" flag will be on loan to all 34 schools in the University system of Georgia for several days and then shipped to the next distinguished school.

Armstrong had the privilege of displaying the beautiful homage on June 17 and sent the flag to Savannah State on June 21. To those of us fortunate enough to see the flag, it was a flashback to a time America will never forget, and a time when certain hijackers boarded the wrong plane.

"Let's roll", two words Beamer used with his wife and two sons often whenever they were ready to go somewhere, will forever be remembered (with the help of the flag) as a triumph in American courage and strength.

Beamer was a 32-year-old businessman who enjoyed teaching Sunday school and spending time with his family. The expression was also the last words heard by anyone not on board the Boeing 757. Beamer was talking to Lisa Jefferson, a GTE phone operator who was also on the other line with the FBI. Before the call ended and with yelling heard in the background, Todd Beamer asked the operator to pray with him on the phone.

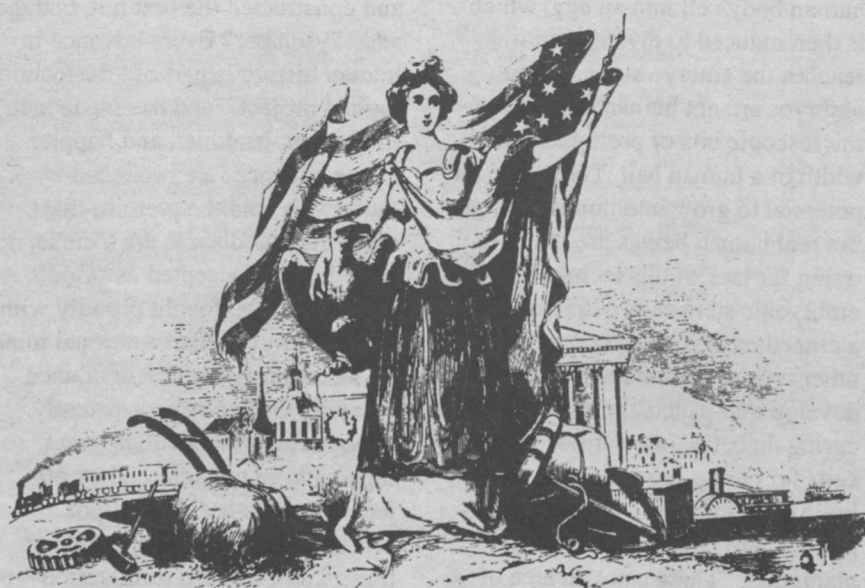
They recited the 23rd Psalm, including the passage: "(the Lord) leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Beamer made Jefferson promise him she would call his wife and after she agreed, all she heard was "Let's roll." After the profound statement, Beamer and three other passengers, Jeremy Glick, 31; Mark Bingham, 31; and Thomas Burnett Jr. 38, overtook the hijackers and then Flight 93 crashed into the Pennsylvania countryside.

The flag honoring those who died triumphantly in an attempt to protect American life displayed proudly in front of Armstrong Atlantic State University's Administration Building.

The plane, which government officials suspect was headed for a high-profile target in Washington, was the fourth to crash in a coordinated terrorist attack that killed thousands, and the only one that didn't take lives on the ground.

Lisa Beamer said of Todd: "he was gentle by nature, he was also very competitive, and he wouldn't stand for anyone being hurt, knowing that he helped save lives by bringing that plane down ... it brings joy to a situation where there isn't much to be found."



Around The World

THE VIRTUE OF 'PLAYING GOD'

The conservatives' objection that pursuing the life-saving technology of cloning entails "playing God"—is precisely the moral reason we should pursue it.

alex epstein
Technology Contributor

Imagine you are a scientist developing a breakthrough medical technology, one with the potential to cure heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. What response would you expect from civilized society? A Nobel prize? A ticker-tape parade? Universal acclaim by politicians and intellectuals? What if, instead of being applauded, you were morally denounced, your technology banned, and your laboratory shut down? Would you not consider this a monstrous injustice? Then observe that this is exactly the fate awaiting such life-saving scientists if the Senate passes a proposed ban on human cloning technology later this month.

Opponents of cloning perversely condemn it as "anti-life." Senator Sam Brownback, the ban's sponsor, says cloning is "creating human life to destroy." President George Bush calls it "growing human beings for spare body parts." Congresswoman Sue Myrick smears it as the "most dangerous and ghoulish enterprise in human history."

In fact, human cloning is a highly pro-life technology for actual human beings, since cloned embryos can be used to extract medically potent embryonic stem cells. A cloned embryo is created by inserting a human body cell into an egg, which is then induced to divide until it reaches the embryo stage. These embryos are not human beings, but microscopic bits of protoplasm the width of a human hair. They have the potential to grow into human beings, but real human beings are the ones dying for lack of this technology. The embryonic stem cells extracted from a cloned embryo can become any other type of human cell. They can develop into pancreatic cells for curing diabetes, into cardiac muscle cells for curing heart disease, into brain cells for curing Alzheimer's—or even into new organs for transplantation. "There's not an area of medicine that this technology will

not potentially impact," says Nobel laureate Harold Varmus.

Opponents of cloning know all this, but are unmoved. This is because their fundamental objection is not that cloning is anti-life, but that it entails "playing God"—i.e., remaking nature to serve human purposes. "[Human cloning] would be taking a major step into making man himself simply another one of the man-made things," says Leon Kass, head of the President's Council on Bioethics. "Human nature becomes merely the last part of nature to succumb to the technological project, which turns all of nature into raw material at human disposal." Columnist Armstrong Williams condemns cloning as "human egotism, or the desire to exert our will over every aspect of our surroundings," and cautions: "We're not God."

The one truth in the anti-cloning position is that cloning does represent "the desire to exert our will over every aspect of our surroundings." But such a desire is not immoral—it is a mark of virtue. Using technology to alter nature is a requirement of life. It is what brought man from the cave to civilization. Where would we be without the men who "exerted their will" over their surroundings and constructed the first hut, cottage, and skyscraper? Every advance in human history is part of "the technological project," and has made man's life longer, healthier, and happier. These advances are produced by those who hold the premise that suffering and disease are a curse, not to be humbly accepted as "God's will," but to be fought proudly with all the power of man's rational mind.

The mentalities that denounce "playing God" have consistently opposed technological progress, especially in medicine. They objected to anesthesia, smallpox inoculations, contraception, heart transplants, in vitro fertilization—on the grounds that these innovations



were "unnatural" and contrary to God's will.

Our lives depend on recognizing that human cloning, like all forms of "playing God," is a moral, life-promoting endeavor. This applies not just to extracting stem cells from cloned embryos, but also to conceiving cloned children (notwithstanding the ridiculous, horror-movie scenarios conjured up by hysteria-mongers). Parents should have the right to "play God" with the genetic makeup of their children, whether to prevent them from getting genetic diseases or to improve their physical appearance—just as they have the right to vaccinate their children or to fit them with braces.

The individuals now developing human cloning technology do not deserve to be condemned and shackled by their government. Instead, they should be celebrated as the heroes they are.

Alex Epstein is a writer for the Ayn Rand Institute in Marina del Rey, Calif. The Institute promotes the philosophy of Ayn Rand, author of *Atlas Shrugged* and *The Fountainhead*.

Armstrong Atlantic public safety director visits Israel for specialized training

Deryl M. Seckinger, director of public safety for Armstrong Atlantic State University, has returned from Israel after completing a two-week training program for law enforcement officers. He received special training in counter terrorism, emergency management, and other types of policing strategies from Israeli police.

Seckinger participated as part of an eleven-member delegation of law enforcement officials from all over the state of Georgia. Participants benefited from training by top Israeli police through the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE).

"Americans are far more concerned with terrorist threats to homeland security after 9-11," said Dr. Robert Friedman in the Georgia State University Department of Criminal Justice. "GILEE helps prepare agencies in Georgia and Utah well before 9-11 and this recent program has added an important element of knowledge and training in this area for Georgia officials."

GILEE, founded in 1992 by Dr. Friedman, provides senior law enforcement officers with opportunities to travel abroad, primarily in Israel, for professional training in policing techniques.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY \$

Layoff Recovery: Affordable Health Insurance

(NAPS)—Learning more about healthcare options could save a significant amount of money for people who are out of work.

More than 400,000 Americans received layoff notices in recent months. Many of these workers are naturally concerned about covering insurance premiums.



The COBRA program ensures access to health insurance when an employee has been let go, but that can translate into a lot of cash out-of-pocket.

David Martin, a software salesman in San Diego, lost his job in August. COBRA would have cost him \$860 a month to cover him, his wife and three children.

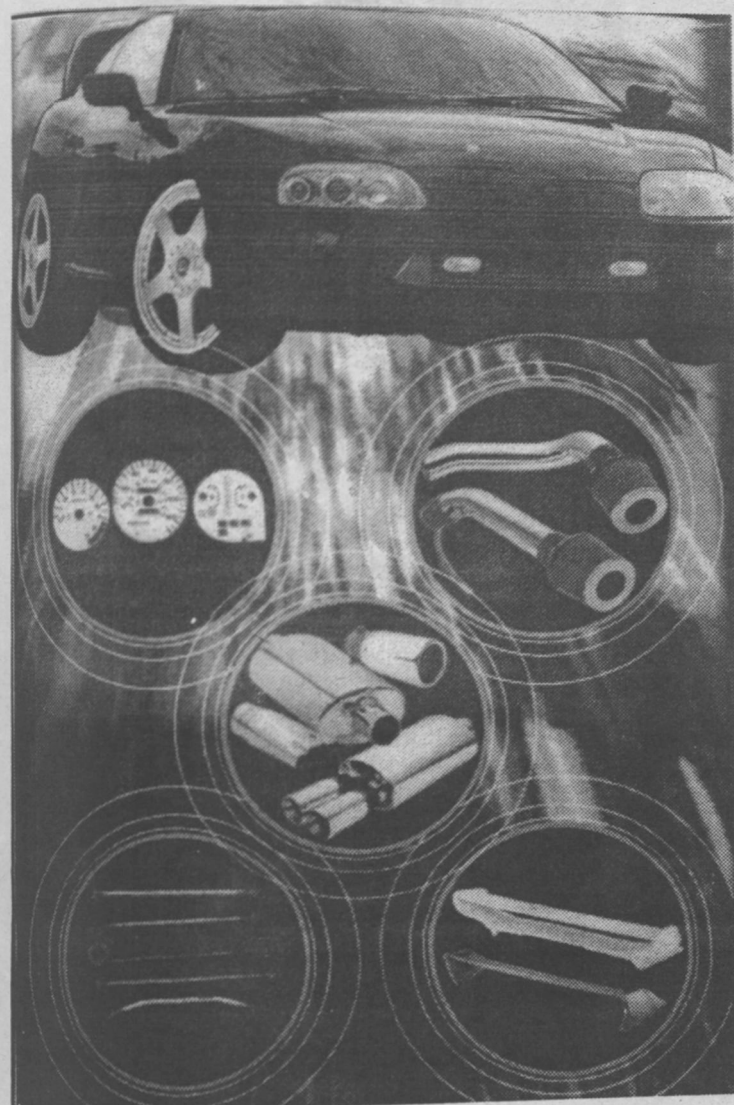
"Spending more than \$10,000 a year out-of-pocket for health insurance was mind-boggling, particularly when I was unemployed," Martin said.

Martin went online to investigate his options. By logging on to eHealthInsurance, he was able to research, price and purchase a comprehensive plan for his family for \$90 a month, a savings of \$770 per month from the COBRA plan.

"Each person eligible for COBRA should explore its cost and benefits, and compare that with health insurance plans online," said Gary Lauer, CEO of eHealthInsurance.com.

Marketplaces like www.eHealthInsurance.com offer an easy process at no charge for individuals to research, price, compare and purchase plans from the nation's leading health insurance

The Auto Authority



Street Legal Racing

dan ward
Assistant Editor

Street legal road racing at it's finest! SCCA racing, an exciting and safe way to push the limits of you and your car.

Last semester I received a letter from an Auto Authority reader regarding SCCA racing. I agree with what he wrote, and think the students of Armstrong will enjoy this fun and highly competitive sport.

"I've enjoyed your automotive articles for some time. I'm writing to invite you [and the students of AASU] to our next autocross. Autocross (or Solo II) is something anyone with a safe car, driver's license, and insurance can do. More information can be found at <http://www.scca.org/amateur/solo2/index.html> and if you like, visit my local web page at <http://ceautocross.tripod.com>. There you can find our schedule and directions for future events as well as results for events past. There are also photos linked to some of the event results (March 2002 for example) so you can see what kinds of cars show up for such a thing.

An autocross is a timed driver skill event. We set up a course delineated by traffic cones on a large asphalt surfaced area. The object is to maneuver through the course in the shortest time without dislodging a cone. It's really fun and some of our students would enjoy these events. Entry fees are cheap too, non-SCCA members pay \$20 for most events and there's a discount membership available for those under 26 years of age.

Please pass us a visit. I think a feature in your column would appeal to your audience."

Mark Eversoll, KQ4WT Director, AIS, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA

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New Auto Products

See And Be Seen For Safety's Sake

(NAPS)—Fog and darkness can be fatal for drivers. Nearly half of all fatal crashes reported to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) took place during periods of reduced visibility, claiming 41,471 lives in 1998. What's more, in a recent study, NHTSA found that the likelihood of being involved in a fatal crash nearly doubles when driving at night.

"When you're driving, what you can't see—or what can't see you—can be deadly," said Chris Horn, vice president of Consumer Affairs for the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA). SEMA represents the auto accessories industry, the companies that created the seat belt, intermittent windshield wipers and outside mirrors.

"Our members have led the way in developing innovative products to help you see and be seen, so you can relax and enjoy the drive safely," said Horn. "Most of us have to drive in bad weather or at night, so it's comforting to know there are affordable, easy-to-install accessories that will make it easier for you to see and be seen on the road."

Visibility Front and Side

Below are some of the latest innovations on the market:

—**Self-dimming rear-view mirrors** that prevent temporary blindness caused by glare from reflected headlights.



Side mirror flashes signals.

These include:

—**A backup light that beeps continuously** while your vehicle is in reverse. SEMA members recommend these easy-to-install beeping backup lights for families with small children and pets.

—**An obstacle detection system** that can be mounted in your vehicle's fender or license plate frame. It emits a warning that gets louder as you get closer to an object in the rear.

—**A set of backup floodlights** that illuminate the area behind a vehicle when it's in reverse, so you can see where you're going.

—**A camera that mounts on the back of your vehicle**, so all you have to do is check a monitor to make sure the coast is clear.

—**Replacement outside mirrors that incorporate flashing turn signals and brake indicator lights** to warn vehicles in the blind spot zone—as well as drivers three or four cars back—that you are braking or changing lanes.

—**Wide-angle outside mirrors** that clip onto your existing mirror and get rid of blind spots, so you can change lanes more safely.

—**Halogen and xenon headlamps** that provide longer-lasting candlepower and often illuminate a larger portion of the road and shoulder, so you have more time to react to obstacles and hazards.

Back Up Visibility

Limited visibility behind your vehicle can make it tough to back up safely, too. That's why numerous accessories are designed to help you avoid backing into toys, pets, small children and those ubiquitous short concrete posts.

Visibility With Style

Finally, you can add accessories that will make your vehicle more visible and reflect your sense of style at the same time, such as **reflectors and small running lights** like those found on big rig trucks. **Bright metal accessories**—including running boards, side steps, grille guards, taillight protectors and pickup truck bed rails—also make your vehicle more noticeable and, often, easier to use.

To learn more about innovative safety products and how you can avoid accidents, visit the SEMA website at www.enjoythedriver.com or write SEMA Consumer Affairs at 1575 South Valley Vista Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

INKWELL News to Use



spotlight on health

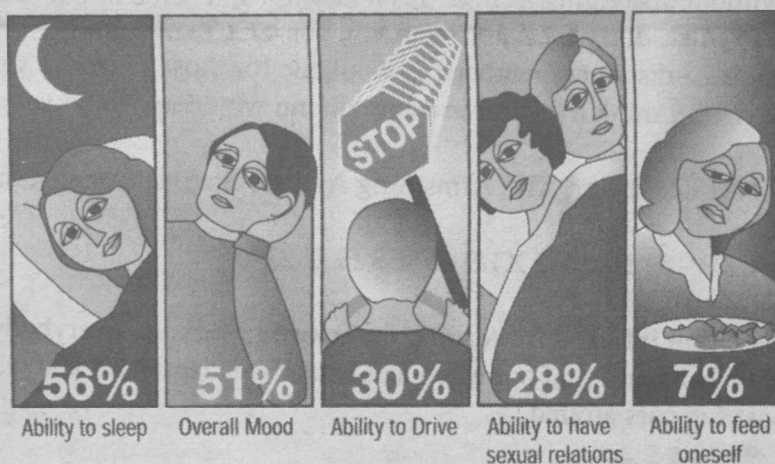
Pain Impacts Everyday Life

(NAPS)—The effects of chronic pain on a person's everyday life can be cyclical, oftentimes a downward spiral. People are unable to participate in daily activities such as playing with children or grandchildren, performing household tasks and working at a job outside the home. This inability to function can lead to frustration and depression, enhancing the pain and perpetuating the inability of people to lead normal lives. Major changes in lifestyle and quality of life can result unless the cycle is reversed.

A survey commissioned by Partners Against Pain identified pain's impact on people's lives. The results are as follows:

How chronic pain interferes with everyday life

Pain sufferers agree that pain affects a variety of areas of their lives, from one's ability to drive to one's ability to sleep.



Source: "Survey of Pain in America" commissioned by Partners Against Pain®

It is important that patients do not shy away from sharing their pain with their treating physicians. Properly describing the severity and frequency of pain experienced helps health care professionals prescribe the most appropriate and effective pain management regimen.

For more information about pain management visit the Partners Against Pain Web site at www.partnersagainstpain.com or write to Partners Against Pain at 1 Stamford Forum, Department M, Stamford, Connecticut, 06901-3431.

spotlight on SHORTS

The modern minds in each generation are the critics who preserve us from a petrifying world, who will not leave us to walk undisturbed in the ways of our fathers.

—Edith Hamilton

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all. Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature.

—Hellen Keller

Never part without loving words to think of during your absence. It may be that you will not meet again in life.

—Jean Paul Richter

True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

—George Washington

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN



Lincoln was the only president to receive a patent. It was for a device for lifting boats over shoals.



Elvis Presley earned only three Grammys, all in the Gospel category. His second gospel album, *How Great Thou Art* earned him his first Grammy award.



Federal Judge Sarah Tilghman Hughes (1896-1985) was the first woman judge to ever swear in a president, when she swore in Lyndon Johnson in 1963.



The first automobile race in the United States was held in Illinois in 1895. The track ran from Chicago to Evanston, with the winner averaging 7.5 miles per hour.



In England, it is believed that, if you squeeze an apple seed between your fingers, it will fly out in the direction of the home of a future love.



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The Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences has moved from Hawes Hall to Gamble Hall.

Dr. Sara Connor has moved from the Administration Building to University Hall - Office #238. Her number is 921-2138.

Dr. Tom Howard has moved from Gamble Hall to a temporary office in University Hall - #286. He can be reached by leaving a message with the History Departmental Secretary, Ms. Sandy Brown, at 927-5283.

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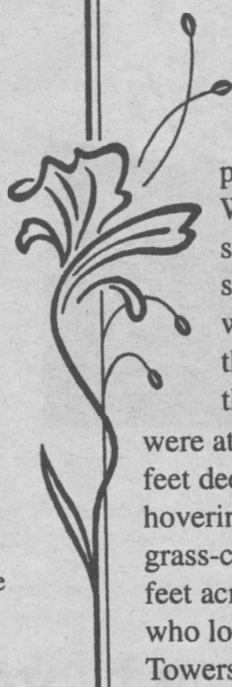
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Monoliths, Wells, Mounds: What Is It We're Trying To Say Here?

The World Trade Center Memorial should be dedicated to life and productivity, not death and destruction.

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Opinion/Editorial Contributor



Memorials proposed for the World Trade Center site include slabs of stone whose lines would correspond to the shadows cast by the Towers when they were attacked; a well 911 feet deep with two towers hovering above it; and a grass-covered mound 650 feet across. For those of us who loved the sight of the Towers and still grieve over the thousands of lives lost

on September 11, it's time to ask: what is it we're trying to say here? And how are we going to say it?

A memorial is not primarily a medium for political propaganda, a way to decorate a landscape, or a means to fill a hole in the ground. It's a way for the living to remember those no longer with us—men and women who smiled at us, heartbreakingly, in flyers of those missing after September 11. So much could be said: that we won't forget the victims as beloved family, treasured friends, valued colleagues. That we won't forget the brave members of the New York Fire Department and New York Police Department who perished while striving to save innocent lives. That we won't forget the spare, elegant buildings that used to be the twin focal points of lower Manhattan. And that we won't forget that they were

destroyed because they were symbols of capitalism and freedom.

To erect a single memorial that would express all those ideas and emotions would be impossible. Yet there is something those people and those buildings had in common, which we could ask an artist to represent. The people who worked at the World Trade Center were all productive people: they were there to do a job and earn money. They died on September 11 because they symbolized that productivity, not just to millions around the world who aspire to live like Americans, but also to the terrorists who despise all that America stands for.

New York's policemen and firemen were, and continue to be, our defenders—the ones who protect our lives, and the property without which we could not support our lives. The Towers, soaring upward in the greatest city of the most productive nation on earth, were a concrete symbol of man's rise from caves to skyscrapers—with all that implies about our ability to think, to act, to create, and to produce and keep wealth. "Productive work," wrote Ayn Rand, "is the road of man's unlimited achievement and calls upon the highest attributes of his character: his creative ability, his ambitiousness, his self-assertiveness, his refusal to bear uncontested disasters, his dedication to the goal of reshaping the earth in the image of his values."

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EDITORIALS



Israel Has A Moral Right To Its Life

Why reason and justice are on Israel's side

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As yet another appalling suicide bombing takes place in Israel, killing 19 people and wounding dozens more on a bus packed with schoolchildren in Jerusalem—as Hamas claims credit for the massacre—America's policymakers still insist on seeking an "even-handed," diplomatic solution.

In the past 18 months, Israel's six million citizens have suffered 12,480 terrorist attacks. They have buried more than 400 victims—a per-capita death toll six times that of America on September 11. Yet, in an abhorrent act of injustice, Israel continues to be pressured by the United States into making concessions to Yasser Arafat, the archpatron of those terror attacks. In the long run, this means that Israel is being pressured into sacrificing its basic right to exist.

We should be supporting Israel's right to take whatever military action is needed to defend itself against its nihilistic enemies. Morally and militarily, Israel is America's frontline in the war on terrorism. If America is swayed by Arafat's latest empty rhetoric, and allows him to continue threatening Israel, our own campaign against terrorism becomes sheer hypocrisy and will, ultimately, fail.

Consider the facts and judge for yourself: The Israelis and the Palestinians are not morally equal.

Israel is the only free country in a region dominated by Arab monarchies, theocracies and dictatorships. It is only the citizens of Israel—Arabs and Jews alike—who enjoy the right to express their views, to criticize their government, to form political parties, to publish private newspapers, to hold free elections. When Arab authorities deny the most basic freedoms to their own people, it is obscene for them to start claiming that Israel is violating the Palestinians' rights. All Arab citizens who are genuinely concerned with human rights should, as their very first action, seek to oust their own despotic rulers and adopt the type of free society that characterizes Israel.

Since its founding, Israel has been

the victim

Since its founding in 1948, Israel has had to fight five wars—all in self-defense—against 22 hostile Arab dictatorships, and has been repeatedly attacked by Palestinian terrorists. Arafat is responsible for the kidnapping and murder of Israeli schoolchildren, the hijacking of airliners and the car bombings and death-squad killings of thousands of Israeli, American, Lebanese and Palestinian civilians. Today he ardently sponsors such terror groups as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al Aksa Brigade.

The land Israel is "occupying" was captured in a war initiated by its Arab neighbors. Like any victim of aggression, Israel has a moral right to control as much land as is necessary to safeguard itself against attack. The Palestinians want to annihilate Israel, while Israel wants simply to be left alone. If there is a moral failing on Israel's part, it consists of its reluctance to take stronger military measures. If it is right for America to bomb al-Qaeda strongholds in Afghanistan—and it is—then it is equally justifiable for Israel to bomb the terrorist strongholds in the occupied territories.

Hatred of Israel, and of the United States, is hatred for Western values.

Like America's war against the Taliban and al-Qaeda, the Arab-Israeli dispute is a conflict between opposing philosophies. On the one side are the forces of mysticism, medieval tribalism, dictatorship—and terror; on the other side are the forces of reason, individualism, capitalism—and civilization. Arafat and his sympathizers hate Israel for the same reason that Osama bin Laden and his sympathizers hate America, i.e., for embracing secular, Western values. No "peace process" is possible with such enemies.

This is not an ethnic battle between Jews and Arabs, but a moral battle between those who value the individual's right to be free and those who don't. Those Arabs who value individual freedom are enemies of the

Arafat regime and deserve to be embraced by Israel; those Jews who do not value individual freedom deserve to be condemned by Israel. Israelis have a right to the land.

Only Israel has a moral right to establish a government in that area—on the grounds, not of some ethnic or religious heritage, but of a secular, rational principle. Only a state based on political and economic freedom has moral legitimacy. Contrary to what the Palestinians are seeking, there can be no "right" to establish a dictatorship.

As to the rightful owners of particular pieces of property, Israel's founders—like the homesteaders in the American West—earned ownership to the land by developing it. They arrived in a desolate, sparsely populated region and drained the swamps, irrigated the desert, grew crops and built cities. They worked unclaimed land or purchased it from the owners. They introduced industry, libraries, hospitals, art galleries, universities and the concept of individual rights. Those Arabs who abandoned their land in order to join the military crusade against Israel forfeited all right to their property. And if there are any peaceful Arabs who were forcibly evicted from their property, they may press their claims in the courts of Israel, which, unlike the Arab autocracies, has an independent, objective judiciary—a judiciary that recognizes the principle of property rights. Palestinians are not "freedom fighters".

The Palestinians want a state, not to secure their freedom, but to perpetuate the dictatorial reign of Arafat's Palestinian Authority. Arafat's "police" brutally expropriate property and silence opposing viewpoints by shutting down radio and TV stations. They systematically arrest, torture and murder peaceful dissenters. To call the militant Palestinians "freedom fighters"—when they support the subjugation of their own people, when they deliberately murder children in the streets or gleefully praise such depravity—is a mind-numbing perversion. Palestinians have consistently sought

to destroy Israel.

In 1947 the Palestinians rejected the U.N.'s offer of a state larger than the one they are demanding now. Instead, they joined in a war aimed at wiping Israel from the map. Today, that hostility has only hardened. For example, in a televised public sermon, a Palestinian Imam declared: "God willing, this unjust state [of] Israel, will be erased." Palestinian textbooks are filled with vile, anti-Jewish propaganda, such as this exhortation from a fifth-grade Arabic language text: "Remember: the final and inevitable result will be the victory of the Muslims over the Jews." A Palestinian state under Arafat would become a base for terrorism.

A Palestinian state headed by Arafat would be a launching pad and a training ground for terrorist organizations targeting, not only Israel, but the United States. Forcing Israelis to accept a Palestinian state under Arafat is like forcing Americans to accept a state the size of Mexico, 12 miles from New York City, ruled by Osama bin Laden. As long as the Palestinians sanction aggression, they should not be permitted their own state. Arafat's meaningless words will not restore life to his terror-victims—past or future.

No rhetoric by Arafat can change the fact that he is a hater of freedom and a destroyer of innocent human life. Imagine Osama bin Laden being enticed by American diplomats to announce: "We strongly condemn operations that target American civilians, especially the last one in New York. We equally condemn the massacres that have been, and are still being, committed by U.S. occupation troops against Taliban civilians in Kandahar, Shah-i-Kot and Tora Bora." Would any sane individual thereby endorse an immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan and the creation of a Taliban state, headed by bin Laden, alongside America? If not, why should Israel be expected to act so suicidally?

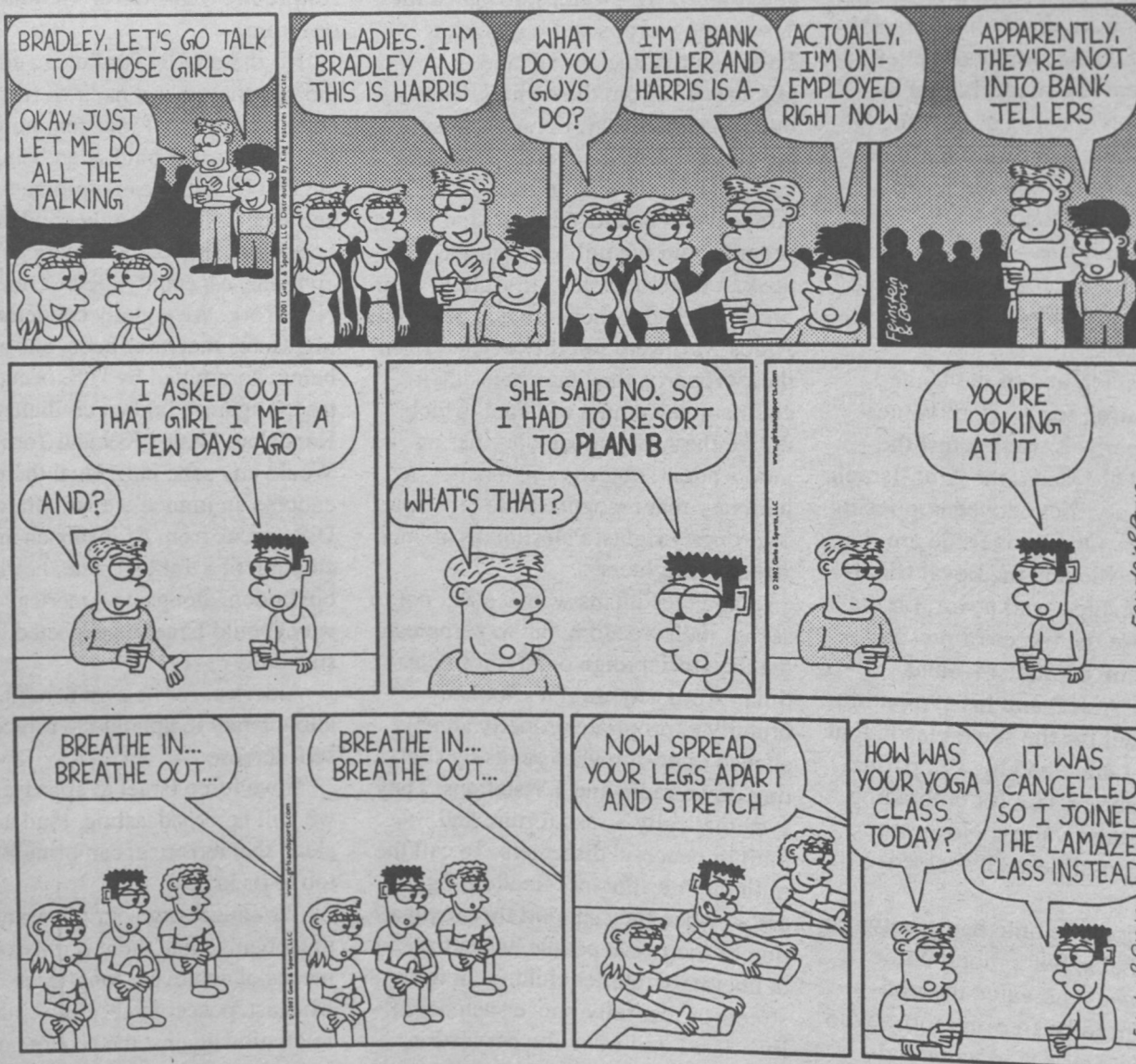
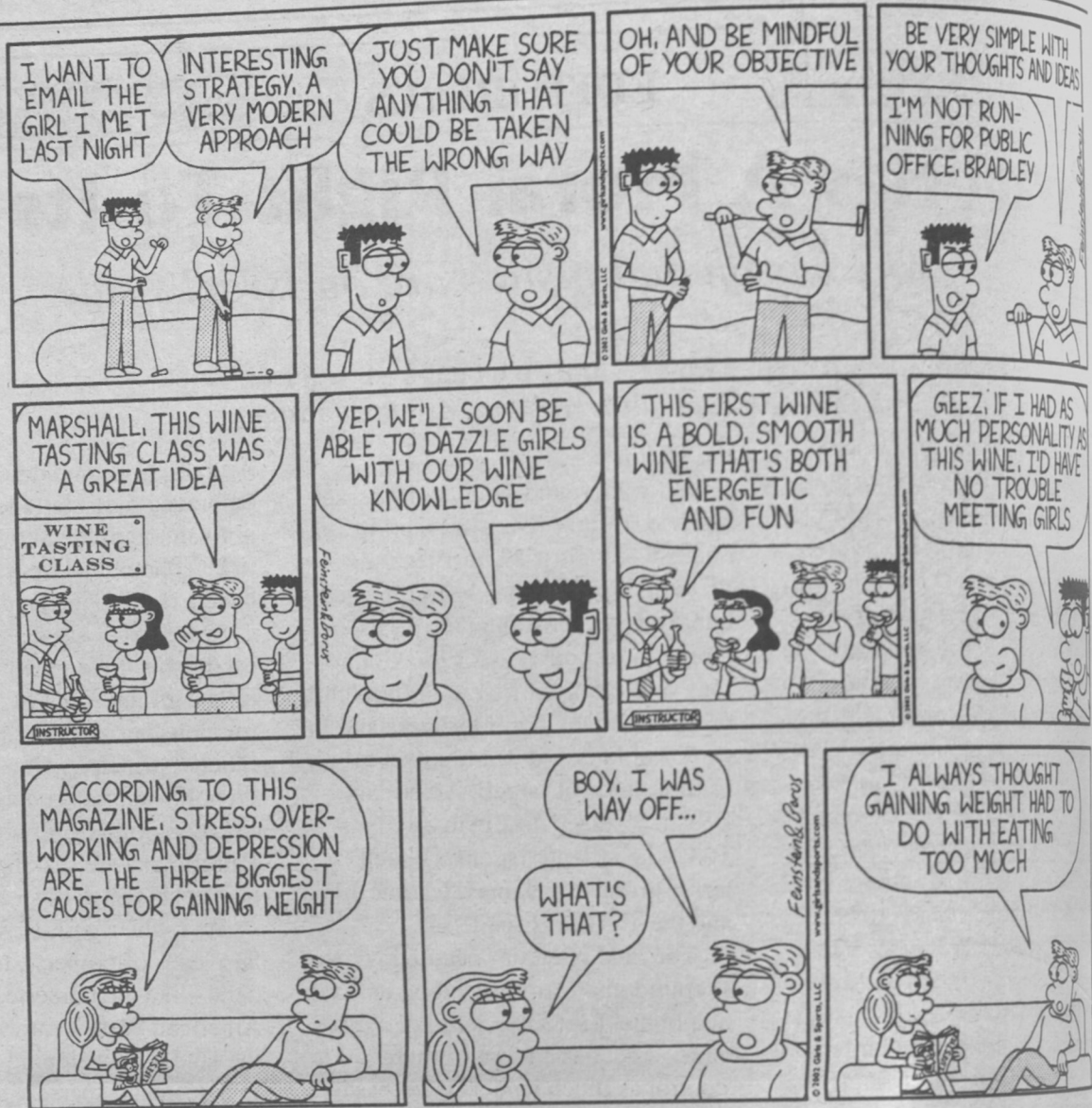
America, for its own benefit, must allow Israel to uphold the principle of self-defense.

If we force Israel to appease Arafat, we will be broadcasting, loud and clear, that terrorism can bring America too to its knees.

We should urge our government to recognize that there is only one means of achieving long-term Mideast peace: Israel's sweeping retaliation against the scourge of terrorism.

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